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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:
FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

REF: STATE 77685; ISLAMABAD 1844

1. EMBOFF MADE PRESENTATION TO SHAIKH KHALIFA, GOB
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT COORDINATOR, COVERING FINANCIAL
DETAILS PROVIDED IN REFTELS AND REQUESTING \$100,000
CONTRIBUTION FROM GOB AT THIS TIME. SHAIKH KHALIFA, AFTER
FEW QUESTIONS, SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD REASONS BEHIND
REQUEST AND THAT HE WOULD PASS IT IMMEDIATELY TO MINISTRY
OF FINANCE WITH HIS FULL ENDORSEMENT. HE SAID THAT HE
BELIEVED THERE WOULD BE NO RPT NO PROBLEM WITH \$100,000
CONTRIBUTION AT THIS TIME AND IF ANY SERIOUS QUESTION
WERE RAISED BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE, HE WOULD PROPOSE THAT
MOST OF THIS AMOUNT BE PAID NOW WITH AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT
IN THE SEPTEMBER PERIOD.

2. NEED TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL POSITIONS UNDER THE PROJECT
WAS ALSO RAISED WITH LESS SATISFYING RESULT. SHAIKH
KHALIFA OBVIOUSLY FINDS HIMSELF TOO BUSY IN HIS MANY
OTHER FUNCTIONS TO ENCOURAGE MINISTRIES TO CONSIDER THIS
PROGRAM. HE INDICATED THAT BUREAUCRACY STILL PROCEEDING
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IN TRANSFER OF HIS COORDINATION FUNCTION TO CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION WHICH SHOULD BE ABLE TO READILY IDENTIFY LIKELY
POSITIONS. EMBOFF INTENDS TO MEET SOON WITH CHAIRMAN OF
CIVIL SERVICE TO ENCOURAGE HIM TO IDENTIFY SOME POSITIONS
FOR PROJECT PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF FUNCTION TRANSFER.

3. SHAIKH KHALIFA PROMISED TO INFORM EMBOFF SOON OF RESULT

OF HIS APPROACH TO FINANCE MINISTRY WHICH WE WILL PASS
IMMEDIATELY TO ADDRESSEES.
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